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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS RCE  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the final Office Action dated August 15, 2006 (Paper No. 20060802) and the Advisory Action dated December 19, 2006 (Paper No. 20061207). Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.